

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
  2. preparing data for display on a display;
  3. modifying the data to form modified data; and
  4. displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data having reduced legibility.
1. 2. The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in modifying, the data is modified in accordance with one or more data attributes from the group comprising font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.
1. 2. 3. The method recited in claim 1 and further comprising:
  2. unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and
  3. displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.
1. 2. 3. 4. The method recited in claim 3 wherein, in unmodifying, the data is unmodified in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.
1. 2. 5. The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in displaying, the modified data is blurred.
1. 2. 3. 4. 6. The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in modifying, a degree of blur is varied in accordance with a data attribute from the group comprising font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

1        7.     The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in modifying, a degree of blur is varied  
2     in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a  
3     cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a  
4     microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

1        8.     A computer including a memory to store data, and a user interface including a  
2     display, the computer executing a computer program comprising the operations of:  
3        preparing data for display on the display;  
4        modifying the data to form modified data; and  
5        displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data being illegible.

1        9.     The computer recited in claim 8, wherein the data comprises one or more data  
2     attributes, and wherein, in modifying, the computer program comprises the operation of  
3     modifying the data in accordance with one or more data attributes from the group comprising  
4     font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style  
5     name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity,  
6     and position.

1        10.    The computer recited in claim 8, wherein the computer program further  
2     comprises the operations of:  
3        unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and  
4        displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.

1        11.    The computer recited in claim 10 wherein, in unmodifying, the computer  
2     program comprises the operation of unmodifying the data in accordance with a control signal  
3     from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device,  
4     a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a  
5     combination thereof.

1           12. The computer recited in claim 8 wherein, in displaying, the computer program  
2 comprises the operation of blurring the modified data.

1           13. The computer recited in claim 12, wherein the data comprises one or more data  
2 attributes, and wherein the computer program, in the modifying operation, varies a degree of  
3 blur in accordance with a data attribute from the group comprising font, paragraph, page,  
4 document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text, field,  
5 file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

1           14. The computer recited in claim 12 wherein the computer program, in the  
2 modifying operation, varies a degree of blur in accordance with a control signal from a user  
3 interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a  
4 button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination  
5 thereof.

1           15. A computer network including a user device having a memory to store data and  
2 a user interface including a display, and a remote computing device, the computer network  
3 executing a computer program residing on the remote computing device comprising the  
4 operations of:

5           preparing data for display on the display;  
6           modifying the data to form modified data; and  
7           displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data being illegible.

1           16. The computer network in claim 15, wherein the data comprises one or more  
2 data attributes, and wherein, in modifying, the computer program comprises the operation of  
3 modifying the data in accordance with one or more data attributes from the group comprising  
4 font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style  
5 name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity,  
6 and position.

1        17. The computer network recited in claim 15, wherein the computer program  
2 further comprises the operations of:

3              unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and  
4              displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.

1        18. The computer network recited in claim 17 wherein, in unmodifying, the  
2 computer program comprises the operation of unmodifying the data in accordance with a  
3 control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a  
4 pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive  
5 screen, or a combination thereof.

1        19. The computer network recited in claim 15 wherein, in displaying, the computer  
2 program comprises the operation of blurring the modified data.

1        20. The computer network recited in claim 19, wherein the data comprises one or  
2 more data attributes, and wherein the computer program, in the modifying operation, varies a  
3 degree of blur in accordance with a data attribute from the group comprising font, paragraph,  
4 page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text,  
5 field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

1        21. The computer network recited in claim 19 wherein the computer program, in  
2 the modifying operation, varies a degree of blur in accordance with a control signal from a  
3 user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a  
4 button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination  
5 thereof.

1        22. An article comprising a machine-accessible medium having associated  
2 instructions, wherein the instructions, when accessed, result in a machine performing:  
3              preparing data for display on a display;  
4              modifying the data to form modified data; and

5           displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data having reduced  
6   legibility.

1           23.    The article of claim 22, wherein the data comprises one or more data attributes,  
2   and wherein the instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine  
3   performing:

4           in modifying, modifying the data in accordance with one or more data attributes from  
5   the group comprising font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name,  
6   date, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular  
7   orientation, intensity, and position.

1           24.    The article of claim 22, wherein the machine-accessible medium further  
2   includes instructions which, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine performing:  
3           unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and  
4           displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.

1           25.    The article recited in claim 24 wherein the instructions, when accessed by the  
2   machine, result in the machine performing:

3           in unmodifying, unmodifying the data in accordance with a control signal from a user  
4   interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a  
5   button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination  
6   thereof.

1           26.    The article recited in claim 22 wherein the instructions, when accessed by the  
2   machine, result in the machine performing:  
3           in displaying, blurring the modified data.

1           27.    The article recited in claim 26, wherein the data comprises one or more data  
2   attributes, and wherein the instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine  
3   performing:

4           in modifying, varying a degree of blur in accordance with a data attribute from the  
5   group comprising font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name,  
6   date, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular  
7   orientation, intensity, and position.

1           28.    The article recited in claim 26, wherein the instructions, when accessed by the  
2   machine, result in the machine performing:

3           in modifying, varying a degree of blur in accordance with a control signal from a user  
4   interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a  
5   button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination  
6   thereof.